Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in

the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) <u>A computer-implemented</u> ~~Method~~ <u>method</u> for
determining the suitability of a digitized image of a person for person
identification, with the steps:

segmenting the image of a person into a background area and a head or
face area,

analyzing the head or face area to determine at least one ~~characteristic~~
~~value~~ <u>geometric feature and at least one reproduction feature</u>,

comparing the at least one ~~characteristic value~~ <u>geometric feature and the</u>
<u>at least one reproduction feature</u> with at least one predetermined threshold
value, ~~and~~

making a determination of the suitability of the image based on a result of
the comparison<u>,</u>

<u>performing image correction when the determination of the suitability</u>
<u>results is an image that does not fulfill one or more quality criteria,</u>

<u>wherein the image correction comprises:</u>

<u>correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image</u>
<u>and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or</u>

<u>correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area</u>
<u>displayed in the image of a person,</u>

wherein the at least one geometric feature comprises a size and/or shape and/or position and/or spatial orientation of the head or face area within the image of a person, and

wherein the at least one reproduction feature comprises a contrast and/or a color distribution and/or a sharpness of the image and/or a brightness and/or a grade of staining and/or a measure for the irradiation of the head or face area.

2.   (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting comprises performing a method for object recognition.

3.   (canceled)

4.   (canceled)

5.   (canceled)

6.   (canceled)

7.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein analyzing the head or face area comprises localizing sub-regions of the head or face area.

8.   (original) Method according to claim 7 with the additional step:

analyzing the at least one localized sub-region.

9.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

analyzing the image of a person with respect to global criteria that apply to
the entire image of a person.

10.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

analyzing the background area of the image of a person.

11.   (previously presented) Method according to claim 1 with the step:

determining whether a negatively evaluated image could fulfill the
predetermined quality criteria after image correction.

12.   (canceled)

13.   (previously presented) A data processor, adapted to execute a method
according to claim 1.

14.   (canceled)

15.   (canceled)

16.   (currently amended) System for quality determination and correction of
digitized images of persons, comprising

[[a]] storage means for storing digitized image data, and one of

[[a]] first data processing means for executing [[a]] <u>the steps of</u>
<u>segmenting, analyzing, comparing, and making a determination of</u>
<u>suitability</u> ~~method~~ according to <u>the method of</u> claim 1, and [[a]] second
data processing means for executing [[a]] <u>the step of performing image</u>
correction ~~method for a digitized image of a person, which does not~~
~~fulfill one or more quality criteria during a determination method~~
according to <u>the method of</u> claim 1, ~~comprising~~ <u>and</u>

> ~~correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire~~
> ~~image and/or the head or face area and/or the background area,~~
> ~~and/or~~

> ~~correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area~~
> ~~displayed in the image of a person, and~~

[[a]] data processing means for executing ~~a determination~~ <u>the</u> method
according to claim 1 ~~and for executing a correction method for a digitized~~
~~image of a person, which does not fulfill one or more quality criteria during~~
~~the determination method, comprising~~

> ~~correcting at least one image reproduction feature in the entire image~~
> ~~and/or the head or face area and/or the background area, and/or~~

> ~~correcting at least one geometric feature of a head or face area~~
> ~~displayed in the image of a person.~~

17.   (original) A system according to claim 16 comprising

an apparatus for generating digitized image data.

18.   (previously presented) A system according to claim 16 comprising

a display device for displaying whether a verified image or a modified image observes predetermined quality standards.

19.   (canceled)

20.   (canceled)